

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 16-21 have been cancelled in reply to the objection to the drawings and the rejection of claims 19-21 under 35 USC § 112.

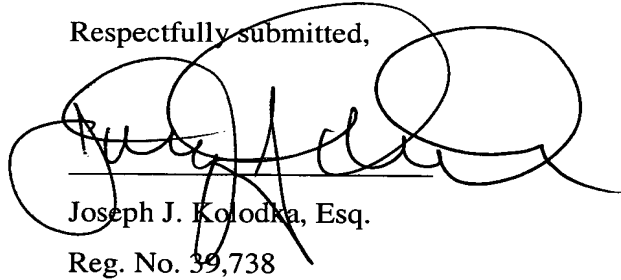
Claims 1 and 7 have been amended to address that claims 1 and 7 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 USC § 112, 2<sup>nd</sup> ¶. Claims 2, 8-10, 12 and 14 have been amended to address the rejection of these claims under 35 USC § 112, 2<sup>nd</sup> ¶.

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested as it is believed that all outstanding issues have been addressed and the application is in condition for allowance, early notification of which is earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions or other matters whose resolution may be advanced by a telephone call, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at his number listed below.

Any extension fees due and owing should be charged to deposit account no. 07-0832

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Respectfully submitted,



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